

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PROJECT SENTINEL; DOREEN CORDERO;  
and JILL HICKEY, individually and on behalf  
of the GENERAL PUBLIC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KAMAL LAL and USHA LAL, individually;  
KAMAL LAL, in his capacity as Trustee of the  
LAL FAMILY TRUST OF 1998; and BABU  
PRASAD, in his capacity as Trustee of the LAL  
FAMILY TRUST OF 1998,

Defendants.

No. 1:98-cv-05688-LJO

ORDER DISCONTINUING  
COMPLIANCE STATEMENT  
REQUIREMENT

(Doc. No. 195)

This is a housing discrimination case filed on June 22, 1998, in which the parties entered into a consent decree on May 22, 2000. (*See* Doc. No. 195.) The decree requires that “[e]ach year on the anniversary date of the entry of this consent decree, defendants and their Authorized Rental Agent(s) shall file with this Court and serve [plaintiff] Project Sentinel with a statement signed under penalty of perjury verifying” certain information specified in the agreement, “over the last year.” (*Id.* at § II(13).) The Court retained jurisdiction for purposes of enforcement, (*id.* at § II(14)), and the docket demonstrates annual compliance reports filed by defendant Kamal Lal from 2005 through 2020, (Doc. Nos. 223-238). During the certification period referenced, no enforcement action has been initiated or requested.

1 On May 18, 2020, the court issued an order to show cause directing plaintiff to explain in  
2 writing whether continued annual certification remains necessary in this matter. (Doc. No. 239.)  
3 Plaintiffs timely responded, indicating their belief that “[i]n light of the length of time that has  
4 passed since issuance of the consent decree, defendant’s compliance with the annual certification  
5 requirement for the last fifteen years, and the lack of enforcement actions initiated or requested  
6 during the duration of the consent decree,” annual certification to the court is no longer necessary.  
7 (Doc. No. 240.) The court agrees with that assessment for the reasons as given by plaintiffs in  
8 their response to the order to show cause. Accordingly, the annual certification requirement is  
9 hereby terminated and discontinued. All other provisions of the consent decree that have ongoing  
10 requirements or prohibitions shall remain in effect.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 Dated: March 25, 2021

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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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